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GERMANY WARNS SUBJECTS IN U. S. TO KEEP NEUTRAL

Von Bernstorff Instructs Consuls to Admonish Care in Activities.

ACTION IS TAKEN BY
BERLIN FOREIGN OFFICE

Ambassador Endeavors to Put
Stop to Alleged Breaking
of Statutes.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Germany through Count Von Bernstorff, her ambassador, has instructed all German consuls in the United States to admonish German citizens to their districts scrupulously to observe American laws. This was done in an effort to end various alleged violations of neutrality.

Instructed by Berlin.

The ambassador acted on instructions from the Berlin foreign office. The action was announced Thursday in the official statement from the German embassy.

"In consequence of cases which have occurred of late the German ambassador has sent instructions to all German consuls in the United States to admonish German citizens to their districts scrupulously to observe American laws. This was done in an effort to end various alleged violations of neutrality."

Count Bernstorff's instructions were received Wednesday night and were forwarded to German consuls immediately.

SWEDISH CRISIS PASSES WITHOUT JOINING WAR

STOCKHOLM, May 18.—The Swedish crisis has passed and the activities of the attempt to force a situation which would plunge the country into war has failed. Sweden will remain friendly and impartially neutral. The government feels no alarm concerning Russian activity in the Baltic, and the relations between the Gulf of Bothnia and the Baltic Sea.

Reassuring statements to this effect were made Wednesday in both chambers of the riksdag.

MELTON FILES AS ELECTOR AT LARGE

Alger Melton of Chickasha, chairman of the democratic state central committee, Thursday filed with the state election board, as one of the democratic presidential electors for the state at large. He is the first democratic elector to file. Ed Arnold of Holdenville filed for the republican nomination for congressional commissioner for the long term.

SCHOOL BOARD'S OUSTER POWERS ADMITTED, CLAIM

Hudsonites' Action Proves
Non-Membership, Ed-
wards' Friends Assert.

Friends of H. J. Edwards, president of the Oklahoma City board of education, who were "outed" from his position at a meeting of Clark C. Hudson, A. L. Welsh, Rev. E. T. Lane and John Hope, members of the so-called Hudson faction of the board, yesterday at 3 o'clock in the evening building, declared that Mr. Hudson fell into the "trap" he had been preparing for Mr. Edwards.

Their contention is that by sitting to judgment on the president of the board, Hudson's men recognized the right of the board to pass upon the eligibility of its own members—a point for which Mr. Edwards has contended for some time, and that if the board can pass upon the eligibility of its own members the meeting at which Mr. Hudson was ousted and James F. Noble elected to succeed him as board director from the first ward was legal and, therefore, Mr. Hudson was not entitled to sit at last night's meeting. In fact, there were only three qualified members of the board present, and not a quorum.

It is the legal interpretation of Wednesday's session, at which Mr. Edwards' seat was declared vacant and C. G. Landon chosen to succeed him, the "ouster" of Mr. Edwards has no significance whatever, it is said.

A second meeting of the Hudson faction, at which the eligibility of George Morris to sit as a board member will be passed upon, will be held tonight at 7:30 in the evening building. Mr. Morris denies absolutely the allegation that he has changed his residence, upon which grounds he will be "tried" tonight.

SHORTAGE OF SOAP ONLY WORRY OF U. S. TROOPERS IN MEXICO

COLUMBIA, N. M., May 18.—Reports from the field indicate that General J. J. Pershing's expeditionary command is experiencing a shortage of soap but otherwise is well rationed and equipped.

Rainfall Is Liberal All Over State

Wheat and Cotton Belts Get
Generous Share of Moisture
During Night.

RAIN was general in Oklahoma last night, practically every section receiving some moisture. The heaviest falling in both the wheat and cotton belts there was a generous precipitation, the rain being registered as follows:

In the cotton belt:
Ada, 26. Altus, 10. Ardmore, 22. Carnegie, 24. Chandler, 16. Chickasha, 10. Durant, 25. Edmond, 25. Holdenville, 19. Lawton, 28. McAlester, 25. Muskogee, 24. Norman, 25. Muskogee, 25. Oklahoma City, 15. Ponca, Valley, 25. Shawnee, 26. Weatherford, 25. Okemah, not registered.

In the wheat belt:
Alva, 15. Cheyenne, 64. Kingfisher, 29. Stillwater, 24. Tulsa, 29. Woodward, 21. Beaver, 20.000. Vinita and Clinton not registered.

The state agricultural department announced that the rain did a "world of good" in the western part of the state having been in dire need of moisture. Even showers would accomplish much, the department said.

VATICAN ASKS KAISER TO END U-BOAT WARFARE

British Minister Tells of Representations to Germany.

LONDON, May 18.—Sir Edmund Grey, the foreign secretary, announced in the house of commons Thursday that the government has been informed by Sir James Howard, British minister at the Vatican, that representations have been made to Germany by the Vatican with a view to inducing Germany to abandon submarine warfare.

FLOOD PREVENTIONISTS HOPE FOR SENATE VOTE

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Advocates of flood prevention legislation for the Mississippi and Sacramento rivers were hopeful Thursday of early action by the senate on the bill which the house passed Wednesday night by an overwhelming vote. The measure would appropriate \$10,000,000 for the Mississippi valley, local interests contributing an amount equal to one-half of the Mississippi appropriation and the California interests an amount equal to the Sacramento appropriation.

HUSBAND NAGGED HER, SAYS BLANCHE HUGHES

Blanche Hughes instituted suit in the district court today for a divorce from Joseph Hughes, alleging that he continually nagged and quarreled with her. She states that she was compelled to leave him, and work in restaurants and as a ticket seller in amusement places. While doing that work, she says, he came around with other men and would make fun of her clothing. That she is afraid he will harm her, she alleges in asking the court for an order restraining the husband from interfering with her.

Unsettled Tonight and Friday; Warmer

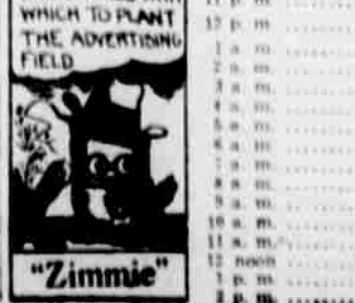
LOCAL FORECAST—Tonight and Friday unsettled; generally warmer Friday. Maximum yesterday, 80; minimum, 51.

KANSAS—Showers tonight and probably Friday.

ARKANSAS—Unsettled; Friday fair.

WEST TEXAS—Tonight fair; Friday warmer.

A GOOD DAILY PAPER IS THE BEST DRILL WITH WHICH TO PLANT THE ADVERTISING FIELD.



"Zimmie"

AUSTRIANS BEGIN GREAT OFFENSIVE AGAINST ITALIANS

Hot Fighting Reported in Progress From Alps to Adriatic.

BODIES OF MANY TEUTONS
FLOATING DOWN ADIGE

Several Batteries of Heaviest
Guns Brought From
Germany.

GENEVA, May 18.—Reports from the front indicate that the heaviest fighting of the war between Italy and Austria is proceeding in the region of Rovereto and the Siusi valley, while there is every evidence that the Austrians have begun a general offensive against the Italians from the Alps to the Adriatic. Many bodies of Austrian soldiers killed in the fighting are said to be floating down the river Adige.

Both Sides Report Gains in West

LONDON, May 18.—In the fighting about Verdun the French, who have been retreating under German occupation of parts of the dominating heights known as Hill 14, northwest of the fortress, have now succeeded in partly ousting the Teutons. Paris reports the capture of a German fortified position on the northern slope of the hill.

On the German side an attack was made by means of several attacks to capture a summit at Avois, on the French left flank, but the assaults are declared to have been repulsed with heavy losses to the Germans.

In contrast with the Paris report announcing a French success at Hill 14 on the Verdun front, Berlin declares that these attacks by the French on the German positions on that night were repulsed.

RUSSIAN COTTON CROP OF 1915 SHOWS GAIN

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Russia's 1915 cotton crop, according to estimates reaching the department of commerce Wednesday, was about 20 percent larger than that of the year before. The total number of pounds grown was 717,200,000 against 605,200,000 in 1914.

WATER'S PURITY IS SURETY WHEN BASIN IS BUILT

Reputation of City to Suffer
If Bonds Are Not Carried Saturday.

In a summary of the objections to the bonds, published in an afternoon paper, said A. L. Edwards, chairman of the drainage committee, Thursday, "the statement was made that the supply under the proposed plan would not be pure owing to sewage from El Reno."

This statement is not warranted by actual conditions. In the first place, it is more than 100 yards from El Reno to the reservoir by way of the river. During this entire distance the water will be drawn from at and near the surface of the reservoir. The reservoir will be several square miles in extent. Over this surface the wind will blow and rain will be a purifying factor. The people of Oklahoma City need have no fear on the question of the purity of the water if the bond issue carries.

Issue Is Legal.

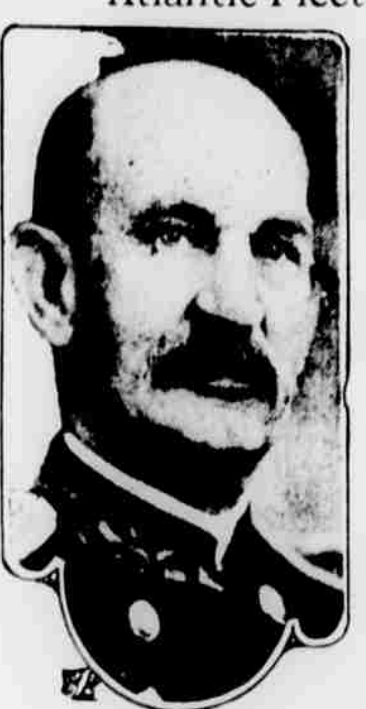
"As to the statement made by our opponents that the bond issue will not be legal because not in accord with the state constitution, we can only say that every phase of the question has been carefully considered and passed upon by the city attorneys, prominent lawyers and bond experts. In such a question one must depend upon expert advice. We have had the best."

Oklahoma City business and professional men who have occasion to travel much, especially through this state, say that the water bond campaign is being watched with close interest in other cities and that Oklahoma City's reputation will receive a bad blow if the bond issue is defeated. An illustration of this is given in a letter received by Mr. Montgomery from C. C. Roberts Jr. of this city. The letter, which was written at Durant, says:

"Yesterday I heard the head of a business men's organization in Ada say to an Oklahoma City man only say that every phase of the question has been carefully considered and passed upon by the city attorneys, prominent lawyers and bond experts. In such a question one must depend upon expert advice. We have had the best."

"If our citizens could know how people generally over the state and the southwest are going to think about this bond issue if the water bonds are not voted, I can't think that any one of them who has the city's reputation and general welfare at heart would vote against these bonds. If the water bonds are defeated our city will be referred to more than ever as one who is making a supply of poor water. It will be hard to live down this reputation, especially if it has so much of a foundation in fact."

Admiral Mayo Will Command Atlantic Fleet



Vice Admiral Henry T. Mayo.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Plans for the reorganization of the Atlantic fleet, which will be announced shortly by Secretary Daniels, include the appointment of Vice Admiral Henry T. Mayo as commander of the fleet.

WOMAN FLEES AS SHE FACES LIFE IN INSTITUTION

Glady C. Hupp, 25 years old, daughter of Mrs. J. C. Hupp of 415 West Seventh street, is being sought by city and county officials. The girl, who has been mentally unbalanced since the death of her father in West Virginia five years ago, left the home of her mother yesterday at noon, when she learned that plans were being made to have her committed to an insane asylum at Norman.

So far as known she had no money, but left the home of her mother with a small suitcase in which she had placed a few clothes. She had no coat or hat. She was dressed in a blue serge skirt, a white middie blouse and black slippers.

The young woman is described as about four and one-half feet tall, weighing about 100 pounds, with blue eyes and brown hair. She and her father were inseparable up to his death. She was greatly shocked at his demise that she became mentally unbalanced, although at times she was apparently normal.

She has no relatives living near Oklahoma City.

BAPTISTS AGREE ON CONSOLIDATION PLAN

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., May 18.—Opposing factions in the fight over the question of consolidating the mission work of the American Baptist Publication society and the American Baptist Home Mission society, agreed to a plan for amalgamation Thursday and thus settled an issue which has disturbed the Northern Baptist convention for fourteen years and which seriously threatened a break.

DRINK CONVEYOR IS WANTED BACK

Eight of the state to confiscate a wagon and team of horses used in transporting liquor within the state in violation of the prohibition laws is involved in an appeal taken to the supreme court Thursday by Mrs. H. M. Morris, owner of a liquor store at Durant.

She is a wagon and team horse in two men who used to Texas to bring back 100 gallons of whiskey. When they reached Durant on the return trip the men were arrested and the outfit confiscated by order of the county attorney. In proceedings in the county court of Bryan county the whisky was ordered destroyed and the team and wagon sold. The proceeds to be turned over to the county treasury.

From this judgment Mrs. Morris has taken an appeal as interpreter, asserting that the wagon and team were rented to the men without any knowledge on her part that they were to be used to violate the prohibitory laws.

"For the Good of the State"

OKLAHOMA CITY will get back to normal next week after the water bonds carry.

Then you'll have a few minutes a day to devote to fiction.

Start the week out right by reading the first installment of "For the Good of the State" by George Bronson Howard.

Get the "Novel-a-Week" Habit!

MEXICAN GUARDS KILL AMERICAN SOLDIER AT LINE

Private Who Crossed International Boundary Shot by Customs Officials.

FIRED FIRST, REPORT
OF JUAREZ COMMANDER

Officers of Two Armies Begin
Investigation of Occurrence.

EL PASO, Texas, May 18.—An American soldier who crossed the international boundary a mile and a half east of Juarez early Thursday was shot and killed by Mexican customs guards.

General Buel assigned two officers to Juarez and there with two officers assigned by General Gaxiola and the Mexican military judge began an investigation of the shooting.

Deemer and Payne Reach Boquillas

MARATHON, Texas, May 18.—Judge Deemer, the Boquillas stockman, and Monroe Payne, negro, returned by the Big Bend rider and returned by Major George T. Langhorne's cavalry detachment, have reached Boquillas.

No official confirmation has reached here of the engagement in which six Mexicans were said to have been killed and seventy-five captured.

Major Langhorne, with a detachment of the Eighth cavalry, drove to a ranch house, where a part of the Gila-Santa Fe riders were quartered. The bandits were surprised but put up a stiff fight. Two were wounded and two captured. The remainder escaped in the dark. The Americans had no losses.

MARIAN LAMBERT'S LAST LESSON ON POISONS

WATKESMAN, Ill., May 18.—Two hours of questioning yesterday in the trial of Will H. Orpel, the college boy accused of murdering his former sweetheart, Marian Lambert, was fruitless Thursday noon of a special session of 100 being qualified for jury service.

When the afternoon session began the second special session of 100 was in court. It is said Marian Lambert's last lesson in the chemistry class at high school had been on poisons and their varying effects.

COURT TO CLOSE UNTIL AUTUMN, IS INFERENCE

Judge Likely Will Pass on
\$12,000,000 and Other
Cases in Summer.

That Judge John H. Cotterell's interruptions in Willie Butler, 17-year-old son of Wagona, charged with kidnapping the postoffice in his home town last January, to appear for trial in federal court at El Paso in September means that no more sessions of court will be held in the federal court at El Paso.

It had been planned to hold the El Paso term in June, but it is now thought that the present criminal docket cannot be cleared up in Oklahoma City until after June 1.

Judge Cotterell's instruction to Butler was made after the lad had been arraigned last Wednesday. Butler was indicted by the federal grand jury which adjourned Tuesday.

It is thought likely that Judge Cotterell will spend the greater part of the summer in disposing of equity cases which have been argued before him, one of which is the famous Arkansas river case, which involves oil property valued at \$12,000,000. The state of Oklahoma and the United States government were arrayed against each other in this suit.

CORNELIUS SAYS CROPS ARE GOOD IN OKLAHOMA

M. Cornelius, county clerk, returned this morning from Indianapolis, Chicago and points in Indiana, where he has been for the past three weeks. Mr. Cornelius was called to Indianapolis to appear as a witness before the federal grand jury, which investigated alleged realty frauds on the part of certain Oklahoma City men and others. While away he visited his mother, who resides in Russellville, Kentucky.

"As far as crop prospects are concerned," said Mr. Cornelius, "Oklahoma has all of them outclassed. I traveled in the daytime mostly, and had an opportunity to view the country. Prospects for crops here are much better than any of the states I visited including Illinois."

SINKING OF FRENCH STEAMER ANNOUNCED

LONDON, May 18.—Lord's announces that the French steamer Mira has been sunk, but gives no details.

PREPAREDNESS DAY TO BE CELEBRATED IN CITY ON JUNE 3

ATTERHAM received today by Mayor Overholser from W. B. H. the Adult Chairman of the National Preparedness committee, who said that June 3 is designated as National Preparedness day in Oklahoma City.

The program of the United States preparedness movement, Mayor Overholser has accepted the invitation, and will hold a parade on that day, starting from 8 o'clock at the preparedness day.

Alleged Drug Seller's Son Under Arrest

Police Claim T. H. Vick Sent
Morphine to Agents in
Oklahoma City.

T. H. Vick was arrested at the police station this morning by officers Gordon and Clark charged with being implicated in selling morphine with his father, Dr. J. T. Vick, who with J. V. Estel and John T. Vick were arrested Thursday evening by the police and a special agent of the J. E. government at 532 West Third street. Vick is the value of \$100 was found in the house.

T. H. Vick had returned from Wichita, Okla. the doctor's home, a short while before arrest. The police claim the son had been sent to Wichita by his father to see if government inspectors were still on the case.

It is alleged that the young man is the person who has been supplying Oklahoma City agents with the morphine, first sent to the doctor at Wichita from other cities.

ADRIATIC COAST OF ITALY SHAKEN BY EARTHQUAKE

Tremors of Particular Violence
Occur Between Rimini
and Cesena.

ROME, May 17.—(via Paris, May 18).—An earthquake of particular violence has occurred along the Adriatic coast between Rimini and Cesena. At the latter town a dozen people were injured.

Father Altani, director of the observatory at Florence, predicts a repetition of the earthquake, which extended to the Venetian province.

The entire central section of Italy was shaken by earthquakes which lasted through Tuesday and Wednesday. Only meager details have been received in this country and it is not known what loss of life occurred, if any.

Veteran Drops Dead at Ball

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 18.—About the twenty of the grand canyon ball at the United Confederate Veterans, John S. Mosley, 75 years old of Birmingham, a veteran steel mill worker, died Thursday night. He expired on the ballroom floor just after telling a party of young people that when he died he would like to go to such a scene of happiness.

The grand parade Thursday was the closing feature of the reunion. Washington was selected Wednesday night as the next reunion city and General George P. Harrison of Alabama was elected commander-in-chief.

CREDIT MEN POSTPONE MEETINGS UNTIL MAY 25

Owing to the Oklahoma State Bankers' association convention held Tuesday and Wednesday the regular monthly meeting of the Oklahoma City Credit Men's association has been postponed from tonight until Thursday, May 25, at the Rialto hotel.

Election Returns

KEEP your eyes on the downtown district Saturday night about 8:30 o'clock if you want to know whether the water bond issue carries.

If the bond issue wins the Oklahoma and Times will announce the victory by shooting off a number of big sky-rockets from the roof of the Oklahoma building.

If the bond issue is lost the fact will be announced in a blaze of red fire.

The Oklahoma and Times have made arrangements to get the results the minute the vote has been counted.

AMERICAN FOUND GUILTY OF PART IN IRISH REVOLT

Jeremiah Lynch of New York
Tried and Convicted by
Court Martial.

EMBASSY WITHOUT WORD
OF SENTENCE IMPOSED

Royal Commission Learns
Government Had Advance
News of Plans.

LONDON, May 18.—Jeremiah Lynch of New York, has been tried and convicted by a court martial in Dublin on a charge of participating in the Irish rebellion. The sentence was to be promulgated Thursday but no word has been received in the American embassy as to what sentence was imposed.

News Comes From Consul.

The news that Lynch had been convicted by court martial was received by the embassy from the American consul in Dublin. Lynch was the last news the embassy had of Lynch was that under the defense of the rebel act he was prohibited from leaving the five-mile zone of Dublin. This prohibition was extended to Lynch as he had been making trips to western Ireland. Lynch had been a resident of Dublin for some time.

From testimony developed at the hearing Thursday by the rebel commission to inquire into the Irish rebellion, it appeared that the government had received advance information of negotiations for an uprising with help from German sources. The testimony was given by Mr. Matthew Nathan who resigned as under secretary for Ireland after the rebellion broke out.

Boy Steals to Obtain Morphine, He Tells Judge

John Runkley, who will be 21 years old July 12, told District Judge Clifford today that he came to Oklahoma City from Frederick, Okla., several months ago to get morphine. He had become addicted to the habit in his home town. The "dope" was administered to him by doctors, he said.

Runkley was arraigned before the court today on a charge of breaking into 119 West Main street May 6. He pleaded guilty, saying he wanted to be cured of the habit he had.

Judge Clifford gave him the minimum sentence, two years in the penitentiary. Upon request of the defendant, Judge Clifford will write a letter to the warden asking that special treatment be given Runkley.

John Knight, charged with the murder of Robert E. Long, brother of the 8 and 8 fire department, on November 25, also was arraigned. He pleaded not guilty.

Ed Johnson, negro, charged with grand larceny, was given twenty-four hours in which to enter a plea.

DANIELS NAVY PLAN REVISED IN THE HOUSE

Five Battle Cruisers and
Twenty-five Submarines
New Program.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—In deciding to increase the navy, the house naval committee voted Thursday to abandon the five-cruiser building program recommended by Secretary Daniels and to recommend that five battle cruisers to cost \$20,433,333 each, four scout cruisers, ten torpedo boat destroyers, twenty submarines, one hospital ship, one oil-supply ship and one ammunition supply ship be built during the 1917 fiscal year. The committee voted thirteen to eighteen on battle cruisers and submarines.

The committee adopted a resolution to be Representative Hedges of Missouri authorizing the president on conclusion of the European war to invite the world powers to a conference to frame a court of arbitration for peaceful settlement of all disputes between nations.

MANY WITNESSES IN U. S. ELECTION CASE

More than a score of witnesses, residents of Blaine county were used this morning in federal court by United States Attorney Fain in the case of Dan Hogan and Tom Muesel, ex-election officials of Blaine county charged with conspiracy to deprive voters of their constitutional right to vote in the 1912 election.

All yesterday was consumed in the selection of a jury, and actual work on the case began this morning. The witnesses were used by Prosecutor Fain and Mr. Muesel chiefly to prove that the election had been held and to build a framework upon which to base a defense to prove the alleged conspiracy.